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Rapid River News!



April 27, 2009

From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

(Election Results)

2009 Election Results! The Election concluded Friday evening April 24th when the polls closed at 6 p.m. 1076 ballots were cast out of 3382 eligible Tribal members. 3 ballots were spoiled and 20 were unsigned and could not be counted. The Election Board then proceeded with the count, closely watched by candidates and tribal members alike. The results are tentative at this time pending any filing of appeals. Winners are indicated in Bold type and have an their names are highlighted:

- **Council At Large results:**

- o Michael Ceplina 350
- o **Virgil Johnson* 393**
- o Elaine Porter 234

- **Council 9 County results:**

- o Kimberly Alexander 150
- o Bill Anderson 121
- o Harold Battice II 156
- o Austen Brauker 92
- o **Candace Chapman* 188**
- Pamela Medahko 119
- **Steve Parsons* 247**
- **Janine Sam* 185**
- Melissa Zelenak 98

- **Council Outlying results:**

- o **Norbert Kelsey* 204**
- o Sandy Lempke-Mezeske 189
- o Rick Sprague Big Thunder 128

- **Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge results** after 3rd recount a tie was declared! By Election regulations, after the 5 business day challenge period, the two candidates will draw for the winner in the presence of the Election Board:

- o **Daniel Bailey * 345**
- o John Gregory Kelsey 314
- o **Jonnie Jay Sam* 345**

- **Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge (Attorney) results:**

- o **Melissa L. Pope* 795**

- **Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge (Elder) results:**

- o Marcella Leusby 253
- o Joseph J. LaPorte 356
- o **Martha Kase* 378**
- Office of Election Board
- o Duane Battice 244
- o Terri L. Burmeister 211
- o Berni L. Carlson 345
- o Brenda Hyma-Cogswell 197
- o **Alesia Condon* 402**
- o **Nancy I. Kelsey* 365**
- o Bernadene Crampton MPA 350
- o **Diane A. Lonn* 474**

(Cultural related items)

- We Shall Remain is a groundbreaking mini-series and provocative multi-media project that establishes Native history as an essential part of American history. Five 90-minute documentaries spanning three hundred years tell the story of pivotal moments in U.S. history from the Native American perspective. Episode 4 Geronimo (PBS PREMIERE ON MAY 4, 2009) As the leader of the last Native American fighting force to capitulate to the U.S. government, Geronimo was seen by some as the perpetrator of unspeakable savage cruelties, while to others he was the embodiment of proud resistance. (Watch the Rapid River for notice of upcoming episodes)

(General area items)

- May 29, 2009 Board of Directors Open Session to be held in the Grand River Room at 4:00 p.m.
- June 26, 2009 Board of Directors Open Session to be held in the Grand River Room in the Casino at 4:00 p.m.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- Auctions at Race Track! The tribe is holding two auctions to dispose of excess property at the Race Track in Muskegon. Go to the website www.trippauction.com for more details.
Thursday, April 30th: Bidding Opens at 8:00 AM
You Can Inspect the Items in Person on Wednesday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Thursday, April 30th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Checkout is Located Onsite at Harvey St. All Items Must be Paid for on Friday, May 1st from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Winning Bidders Will Have Until No Later Than May 22nd to Have All Items Removed from the Property.
Thursday, May 7th: Bidding Opens at 8:00 AM
You Can Inspect the Items in Person on Wednesday, May 6th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Thursday, May 7th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Check Out is Located Onsite at Harvey St. All Items Must be Paid for on Friday, May 8th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Winning Bidders Will Have Until No Later Than May 22nd to Have All Items Removed from the Property.
- Tribal Court Docket. The current Tribal Court docket is located at the end of the Rapid River News.

(Kateri Circle)

Subject: elders

“Everything really is equal. The Creator doesn’t look at me any better than He looks at the trees. We’re all the same.”

--Janice Sundown Hattet, SENECA

Sometimes humans think we are the center of the Universe. Sometimes we think we are above or better than other people or things. The Great Spirit made a set of Laws and Principles by which all things should live. Everybody and everything lives by the same Laws. We are all made of atoms just like the trees. The life force in the middle of the atom is the life force of the Great Mystery. It is the same for everything. We are all equal in the eyes of the Creator.

Great Spirit, today, I will respect your handiwork.

Tribal Court Docket

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 4-15-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, April 27, 2009; Judge Bailey

- **9:00a.m. 09050NC - Umlauf, Name Change Hearing**
- **10:00 a.m. 060018DM - Taylor v. Taylor Motion Hearing**
- **11:00 a.m. 09034GM - Studey & Studey Closed Hearing (minor)**
- **1:30 p.m. 08168DM - James v. James Final Divorce**
- **2:30 p.m. 09047GC - ECS v. Davis Pretrial**

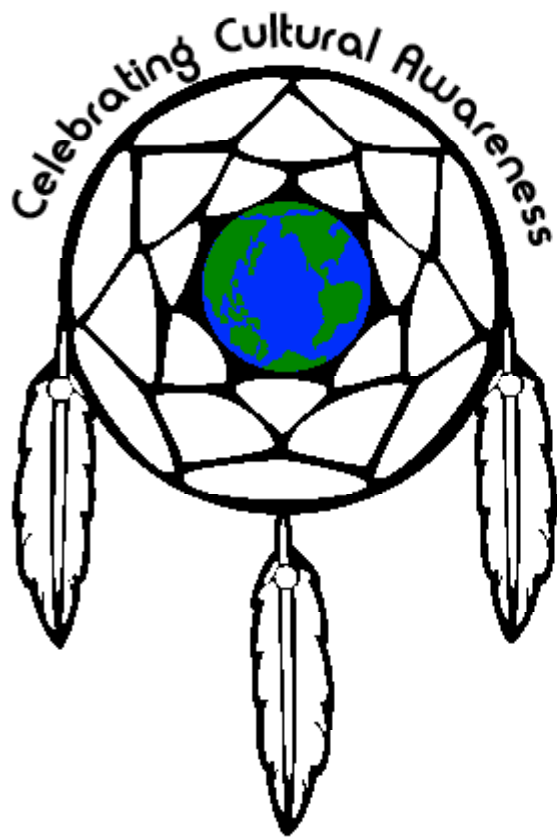
Tuesday, April 28, 2009; Judge Pope

- **10:00 a.m. 08315GC - Sam et al v. Crampton Motion Hearing**
- **1:30 p.m. 08195GC - Sam et al v. Kelsey/Ossiginac Motion Hearing**

Thursday, April 30, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- **10:00 a.m. 09011GC - Wilson v. Detz Bench Trial**
- **1:00 p.m. 08080DO - Bray V. Bray Final Divorce**
- **1:30 p.m. 06107CS - Bailey v. Thomas Show Cause**
- **2:00 p.m. 08132GC - Martin v. Romanelli Motion Hearing**

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Head Dancers: TBD

Host Drum: Black River

Invited Drums: Buck Creek
& Asaniis

Head Veteran: George
Martin

Lansing School District's Native American Program

1st Annual Traditional Pow-wow

Otto Middle School Gym

Saturday, May 9th 2009

Grand Entries: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public



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Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.